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Docket No. HOE96/F319CON

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Schwertfeger et al.

Group Art Unit: 1712

Application No.: 09/817,459

Examiner: Daniel S. Metzmaier

Filed: March 26, 2001

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For: **ORGANICALLY MODIFIED AEROGELS, METHOD FOR THEIR PRODUCTION BY SURFACE MODIFICATION OF THE AQUEOUS GEL WITHOUT PREVIOUS SOLVENT EXCHANGE AND SUBSEQUENT DRYING, AND THE USE THEREOF**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

Applicants herein file a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate a provisional double patenting rejection over co-pending patent application 09/308,770. Applicants believe that this application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A PROVISIONAL DOUBLE  
PATENTING REJECTION OVER A PENDING SECOND APPLICATION**

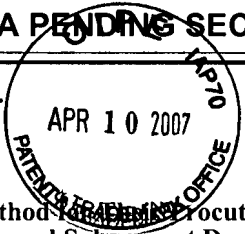
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In re Application of: **Schwertfeger et al.**

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For: **Organically Modified Aerogels, Method of Making by Surface Modification of the Aqueous GEL Without Previous Solvent Exchange and Subsequent Drying, and the Use Thereof**



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PTO suggested wording for terminal disclaimer was

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